

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

The proposal is to construct an interpretive site within the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve, to provide a place for students and other visitors to view the estuary and learn about the site's important ecological and cultural features. The site design includes improvements to the existing access trail, and development of three interpretive areas or "nodes" with signs that describe the shorebirds, salmon and other features on the estuary, and a three-tiered overlook for estuary viewing. The project area is already disturbed with an infestation of non-native plants and the site is frequently used for garbage dumping. As part of the proposal, the invasive plant materials will be removed and the site will be planted with native species.

Proponent: WA DNR

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The project site is located on a rock outcrop adjacent to the estuary of Oyster Bay in Totten Inlet. It is in the South 1/2 of Section 29 T19N R3W and can be reached by traveling northeast along Old Olympic Highway less than a 1/4 mile past the intersection of Old Olympic Hwy. and Highway 101.

Lead agency: Washington Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS

☒ This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from December 14, 2006. Comments must be submitted by December 28, 2006

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